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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECTS: IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN

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- 1. IN SPEAKING OF "LARGE IRRIGATION PROJECT IN NIGERIA",
 COMMERCIAL VISITOR COYNE IS PROBABLY REFERRING TO SERIES
 OF MAJOR IRRIGATION PROJECTS ENVISAGED BY FEDERAL
 GOVERNMENT TO COMBAT EFFECTS OF DROUGHT IN NORTHERN AREAS.
- 2. TWO PROJECTS ALREADY APPROVED ARE (A) DOLS176 MILLION BAKOLORI DAM AND IRRIGATION PROJECT TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY SOKOTO-RIMA BASIN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, AND (B) SOUTH CHAD IRRIGATION PROJECT TO BE EXECUTED BY CHAD BASIN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AT COST OF OVER DOLS34 MILLION. INTERNATIONAL CALL FOR PREQUALIFICATION HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE FOR LATER PROJECT, WITH DUE DATE OF 31 AUGUST FOR SUBMISSION OF PREQUALIFICATION DATES. THIS TRADE OPPORTUNITY WILL FORM SUBJECT OF SEPARATE CABLE.
- 3. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE, PROSPECTS ARE THAT SUBSTANTIAL FURTHER IRRIGATION PROJECTS WILL BE UNDERTAKEN OVER NEXT FEW YEARS. TO THAT END, STATE-FEDERAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES ARE TO BE ESTABLISHED IN NEAR FUTURE COVERING THE NIGER RIVER, BENUE RIVER, CROSS RIVER AND IMO RIVER, UNCLASSIFIED

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OGUN RIVER, AND HADEJIA RIVER BASINS. DETAILED FEASIBILITY

STUDIES ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY FOR IRRIGATION OF EACH RIVER BASIN, AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARE TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY RESPECTIVE AUTHORITIES.

4. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON ALL THESE PROJECTS, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THOSE IN PARA (2), AS SOON AS IT IS DEVELOPED HERE. REINHARDT

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